

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 25 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6-7 and 25 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings.<sup>1</sup> No new matter is presented.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-7 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Aotake (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,771).

Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 1, 6, 7 and 25 state novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied reference.

Claim 1 relates to an information processing apparatus having a recording unit configured to record a first supplied picture and a reproducing unit configured to reproduce a second recorded picture. A display controlling unit provides display control causing a first user interface to be displayed when the recording unit records the first picture supplied and to display a second user interface when the reproducing unit reproduces the second picture recorded. Further, Claim 1 is amended to recite

...wherein ***said first user interface displays a recording button*** through which to input orders for operating said recording unit ***and a playback button*** through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit and ***said second user interface displays a recording button*** through which to input orders for operating said recording unit ***and a playback button*** through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit.

This claim is intended to more clearly recite the configuration show in Figs. 9-10 and 16-17, for example, which depict a first interface for image recording and a second interface for image reproduction, and ***both*** the first and second interface include a recording button and a playback button.

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<sup>1</sup> e.g., specification, Figs. 9-10.

Amended independent Claims 6, 7 and 25 recite substantially similar features, and therefore the arguments presented below also apply to these claims.

Turning to the applied reference, Aotake describes a picture processing apparatus which uses screen change parameters to capture still images representative of various points of a recorded image.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, Fig. 7 of Aotake depicts a user interface displayed when operating in the record mode to record a supplied picture; and Fig. 15 depicts a user interface displayed when a moving video image file is reproduced.

However, Aotake fails to teach or suggest *said first user interface*, which is displayed when recording, *displays a recording button* through which to input orders for operating said recording unit *and a playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit and *said second user interface*, which is displayed during reproduction, *displays a recording button* through which to input orders for operating said recording unit *and the playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit.

In addressing the above noted claimed feature, the outstanding Official Action cites Fig. 7 of Aotake, and states that this figure “displays the recording interface and the recording button 309 which is operated to start a recording operation...” The Official Action then cites Fig. 15, and states that this figure “displays the reproduction interface, and the reproduction button 347 which is operated to start a reproduction operation.

Thus, the outstanding Official Action separately cites the recording interface of Fig. 7, and the reproduction interface of Fig. 15, as each separately including a recording button 309 and a reproduction button 347, respectively. Clearly, as depicted in Figs. 7 and 15, the recording interface (Fig. 7) does not have a playback button and the reproduction interface (Fig. 15) does not have a recording button.

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<sup>2</sup> Aotake at abstract.

In contrast, amended independent Claim 1 clearly recites *said first user interface* (when recording) *displays a recording button* through which to input orders for operating said recording unit *and a playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit and *said second user interface* (when reproducing) *displays a recording button* through which to input orders for operating said recording unit *and a playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit.

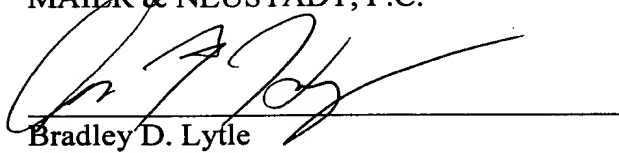
Thus, amended Claim 1 indicates that both the recording and reproduction interfaces *each display both a playback button and a recording button*. As discussed above, and as evidenced by Figs. 7 and 15, Aotake fails to teach or suggest this claimed feature. Specifically, as depicted in Figs. 7 and 15, the recording interface (Fig. 7) does not have a playback button and the reproduction interface (Fig. 15) does not have a recording button.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn. For substantially the same reasons as given with respect to amended Claim 1, it is submitted that independent Claims 6, 7 and 25 also patentably define over Aotake.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-7 and 25 is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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